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1. A Soviet ordnance repair shop is located at Bahnhof Strasse in Jessen near Schweinitz in an unused factory locally known as the "Fuhrmann Fabrik". The unit consists of approximately 400 enlisted men and 30 officers, the former billeted in the factory while the latter are housed in private buildings in a restricted area at Post Strasse.

2. The unit is engaged in overhauling artillery of various calibers, ranging from 88-mm pieces up to large-caliber guns mounted on self-propelled armored vehicles.

3. The material is received via rail transport. It is then completely torn down in the factory, after which certain parts are exchanged and overhauled prior to assembly of the guns. A new paint job finishes the overhauling. [REDACTED]

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4. One section of the plant is manned entirely by Soviet soldiers and manufactures and repairs ammunition boxes of various sizes. Headquarters of the ordnance unit are located in the Fuhrmann factory, while a small unit under the same administration is located six kilometers distant at Annaburg. Approximately 150 men and 10 officers are stationed at Annaburg.

5. Although most of the men who were attached to this unit in 1953 have departed for the USSR, they have been replaced by new arrivals and the unit's activities remained unchanged [REDACTED]

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